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Dateline

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24

• **Music:** Queen Ida and her Zydeco Band plus Myrick "Freeze" Guillory, Cohan Center, 8 pm. (\$)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25

• **Football:** Northern Iowa, Stadium, 1 pm. (\$)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28

• **Leadership Program:** "Cross-Cultural Communications" by Everardo Martinez-Inzunza, UU 216, noon.

• **Learn-at-Lunch:** "Your Money or Your Life," Staff Dining Room, noon.

• **Slide Presentation:** "Women in Struggle" quilt slide show by Rainie Fross, UU 220, 12:30 pm.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29

• **Health-Wellness Fair:** Immunizations and health education, UU 220, 11 am

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30

• **Speaker:** William Morris on the Biosphere 2 Center and "planetary stewardship," Fisher Science 286, 11 am.

• **Women's Soccer:** BYU, Stadium, 7 pm. (\$)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31

• **Men's Soccer:** BYU, Stadium, 7 pm. (\$)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1

• **Artists' Reception:** Multi-Cultural Center, 4 pm.

• **Day of the Dead Celebration:** Rec Center, 6:30 pm.

• **Comedy:** Carol Burnett, Cohan Center, 8 pm. (\$)

Exhibits

• **Multi-Cultural Center:** Mexican pottery plus two- and three-dimensional works by David Guerney and John Garcia, through Nov. 15.

• **University Art Gallery:** Thai Visions I, through Dec. 4.

• **UU Galerie** "The Shape of Things," two-dimensional mixed media by Charlene Vidito Knowlton and sculpture by Ken Bortolazzo, Oct. 30-Dec. 5.

• **UU:** "Women in Struggle" quilt, Oct. 25-31.



Saffire

Blues greats to play at Cal Poly Nov. 7

Cal Poly Arts will present Blues Night Out, an eclectic sampling of blues by award-winning musicians, at 8 pm Friday, Nov. 7, in the Performing Arts Center's Cohan Center.

The concert, in Harman Hall, will feature Clarence "Gatemouth" Brown, Alvin Youngblood Hart, and the three-woman group Saffire, The Uppity Blues Women.

Critics call Grammy-winner Brown a master of American roots music. Best known for his incomparable guitar work, he also plays the fiddle and harmonica.

(Editor's note: Veteran blues guitarist Luther Allison is listed in the Cal Poly Arts season brochure as one of the three acts for Blues Night Out. Allison died in August, and Brown will perform instead.)

Singer, songwriter and acoustic guitarist Hart received three nominations for the 1997 Bay Area Music Awards and five nominations for the 1997 W.C. Handy Blues Awards, known as the "Grammys of the Blues."

Saffire, one of the blues' greatest success stories of the '90s, is said to play soulful, harmonizing vocals with contemporary slice-of-life lyrics, all from a decidedly female point of view.

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Proposed tech partnership stimulates dialogue

Key questions are being raised by faculty, students and staff as campus and CSU personnel evaluate a proposed partnership between the CSU and four private electronics firms.

The California Education Technology Initiative (CETI), linking the CSU, GTE, Fujitsu, Hughes Communications, and Microsoft, is envisioned to meet each campus's basic needs for network connections, access to hardware and software, training, and support. The aim is to create an innovative means for delivering improved and constantly upgraded technology that will enhance teaching and learning as well as administrative efficiency.

The partnership is being considered because CSU officials believe the state will not fund the \$300 million to \$400 million required to implement, improve, renew, and sustain information technology throughout the system over the next few years.

In competition with 10 other large electronics companies, the four private firms wrote a joint business plan last summer, using guidelines set by the CSU. Their plan was selected by Chancellor Barry Munitz following the advice of presidents and other officials from individual campuses.

This plan is now the focus of consultations going on throughout the CSU and with employee unions, the Statewide Academic Senate, and other groups.

Faculty, students and staff are being urged to stipulate what they require from the partnership to meet their individual needs and the needs of their campus units. They are also being asked to identify concerns in the broader context of how this partnership would impact the campus and the CSU in general. The agreement to create the partnership – possibly the first in a series of agreements – would be drawn up late this year through negotiations between the CSU and the four companies.

Using reactions from the campus in what will be a continuing critique of the partnership plan, Cal Poly's initial response to the chancellor's office raised six large issues:

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University Art Gallery to show Thai art

"Thai Visions I," an exhibit of sculpture, painting, prints and ceramics by faculty members from Silpakorn University's school of Visual Arts in Bangkok, will be on display in the University Art Gallery in the Dexter Building from Sunday, Nov. 9, through Thursday, Dec. 4.

Professor Payoon Mosikarat, director of the Thai campus's Art Centre, and professor Amrit Chusawan of Silpakorn's faculty of painting will be at an opening reception from 6 to 8 pm Sunday, Nov. 9. They will visit art classes the week after, giving critiques of students' work.

The exhibit completes an exchange of works between Cal Poly and Silpakorn.

The gallery is open every day from 11 am to 4 pm and Wednesday evenings from 7 to 9.

For more information, call art and design professor George Jercich at 6-2970 or the Pacific Rim Group at 6-2011.

Nov. 1 show to follow Burnett's TV format

It might look and feel like a re-run of "The Carol Burnett Show" when that venerable comedian takes to the stage in the Performing Arts Center on Saturday, Nov. 1.

The show, at 8 pm in the Cohan Center's Harman Hall, is titled "Laughter and Reflection with Carol Burnett: A Conversation with Carol Where the Audience Asks the Questions." The intimate presentation is described as an expanded version of Burnett's opening segment in "The Carol Burnett Show" in which she would answer questions from the studio audience.

Lisa Woske, Cal Poly Arts marketing coordinator, said she wants to ask Burnett how the classic "Gone With the Wind" spoof came about.

"I will never forget Carol coming down the grand staircase of Tara in Scarlett's signature green velvet gown that Mammy designed from drapes, complete with the huge curtain rod and drapery hangings still attached," Woske said.

Tickets cost \$35 to \$45.

...Tech partnership

First, more precision is needed to identify what CETI will provide as a "baseline" level of technology and how baseline will be measured, maintained, and improved over time. As part of this concern, assurances are needed that the project will not become invasive in the teaching and learning mission of the university.

The process of governing the partnership and allocating resources needs to be explained in detail. For example, how will a campus relatively advanced in its technology infrastructure be treated relative to a campus not so advanced?

Third, the political, regulatory, financial, and legal framework of the partnership is of concern since the proposal breaks new ground in linking private and public entities.

The proposed "business model" needs special consideration. The partnership's need to earn a return on its investment cannot come into conflict with the teaching and learning mission of the CSU.

Cal Poly has asked that the benefits to be derived from the planned partnership for all constituents be spelled out as clearly and completely as possible.

Finally, the campus expressed concern about the "risk of commercialization" that might threaten the CSU.

The full campus response can be found through the Systemwide Internal Partnership page on the Web: www.calpoly.edu/~its/sip. The "Computing Resources" link provided on the Cal Poly home page — www.calpoly.edu — also leads to this information. Included are background material, a summary, and an extensive question-and-answer description of the CETI proposal.

A description of the project is also available in the Kennedy Library and in the Academic Senate and ITS offices. Questions and comments should be forwarded to Jerry Hanley, vice provost, ITS, at jhanley@polymail.calpoly.edu. Hanley has also set up a weekly chat room on the Net on Thursdays from 4 to 5 pm that can be accessed from the Cal Poly Web page or directly via www.calpoly.edu/~its/sip

'Women in Struggle' shown in quilt, slides

The "Women in Struggle" Quilt, a collaborative project of women's groups from around the world, will be on display on the second floor of the UU from Saturday through Friday, Oct. 25-31.

A talk and slide show about the topics represented in the quilt are planned for 12:30 pm Tuesday, Oct. 28, in UU 220.

The quilt is made up of 46 squares depicting various situations involving women, including scenes protesting violence against women, women defending children's lives, and women fighting for liberty.

The slide presentation and quilt display are sponsored by the Women's Programs and Services office. For more information, call Pat Harris at ext. 6-2600.

Money available to assist disabled

Funding is available to pay for equipment and services to assist employees who have disabilities that are protected under the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Such equipment can include special computer components and software, print magnifiers, and non-personal devices for the hearing impaired. Disabled Employees Program funds might pay for the services of a reader, interpreter, driver or student assistant, for example.

For an application and guidelines, call the Affirmative Action Office at ext. 6-2062 or visit the office in Adm. 413. Applications must be submitted by Friday, Nov. 14.

Incorrect time listed for today's Foundation meeting

Today's (Oct. 24) meeting of the Foundation Board of Directors will meet at 8:30 am. The time listed in the Oct. 17 issue of the *Cal Poly Report* was incorrect. We apologize for the error.

Tickets to the performances listed in today's *Cal Poly Report* are on sale at the Performing Arts Ticket Office from 10 am to 6 pm weekdays and from 10 am to 4 pm Saturdays. To order by phone, dial 6-ARTS (ext. 6-2787). For information on Cal Poly Arts events, visit its Web site at www.calpolyarts.org.

Biosphere 2 Center to be topic of Oct. 30 talk

The head of the Biosphere 2 Center in Tucson, Ariz., will give a talk on Thursday, Oct. 30, with a focus on "planetary stewardship – past, present and future."

William C. Harris, president and executive director of the Biosphere 2 Center and associate director for the Columbia University Earth Institute, will speak at 11 am in Fisher Science 286 as part of the Biological Sciences Department Speaker Series.

The Biosphere 2 Center is a non-profit research and education enterprise that focuses on the earth and environmental sciences. The center aims to foster inter-disciplinary thinking and understanding about the planet's future.

The center includes Biosphere 2 itself, a unique enclosed experimental facility that simulates different environments such as a tropical rainforest, semi-arid scrub, savanna, an estuary, a coral reef, and an agricultural zone.

Harris left his position as the National Science Foundation's director for mathematical and physical sciences to lead the biosphere center. He is a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

For more information, call Professor Dennis Frey of the Biological Sciences Department at 6-2802.

Committee must approve research on people

All faculty members and students planning to conduct research that involves human subjects must have their proposals approved by the Human Subjects Committee before the research begins.

For the protection of the subjects and Cal Poly, the university examines projects for compliance with ethical guidelines. If such research is supported by a federal agency, federal law requires such oversight.

The Human Subjects Committee reviews all projects involving human subjects, including senior projects, thesis work, and faculty research. Many projects require only minimal review to ensure that participation is voluntary, informed consent is obtained when neces-

sary, and confidentiality is maintained.

Professor Steve Davis of the Physical Education and Kinesiology Department is the new chair of the committee. Student researchers are encouraged to visit him for help with proposals. His office hours are Monday and Wednesday from 11:10 am to noon plus 2:10 to 3 pm and Thursday from 2:10 to 3 pm.

Research proposals should be submitted to the Research and Graduate Programs office in Room 155 in the Mathematics and Home Economics Building for referral to the Human Subjects Committee. Or send them to Davis at the Physical Education and Kinesiology Department. For more information or a copy of the guidelines for preparing proposals call Research and Graduate Programs at ext. 6-1508 or Davis at ext. 6-2754.

Garage study open for review to Dec. 8

The environmental impact report on the proposed parking garage was to be reissued this week for further campus and public review.

Comments and questions must be submitted by Dec. 8 to Facilities Planning.

Plans for the structure, to be built where the tennis courts are now behind Mott Gym, were prompted by the need for more parking for arts and athletic events and, more important, the projected demand for general parking in the future.

The report was reissued to include items that should have been included in the original document. At an Oct. 14 forum, neighbors again stated their objections to the tennis court site, preferring the structure be built along Grand Avenue or not at all.

University officials want the structure to be no higher than the level of the Grand Avenue lots. They say the cost to dig it into the ground next to Grand would be prohibitive.

The environmental report is available for review at the Kenredy Library, City-County Library, and Facilities Planning. Comments should be submitted to Facilities Planning Director Bob Kitamura. For more information, call him at ext. 6-2581.

Cal Poly joins America Reads Challenge

Literacy on the Central Coast is getting a boost from a collaborative Cal Poly project that is part of a nationwide program proposed by President Clinton.

The America Reads Challenge is putting volunteer tutors to work in after-school, weekend and summer reading programs aimed at improving the reading skills of elementary school children.

The Cal Poly program, called America Reads @ Cal Poly, has already trained approximately 50 university student volunteers and is in the process of training community volunteers in a pilot program at Vineyard Elementary School in Templeton.

Professors Lisbeth Ceaser of the University Center for Teacher Education and Judith Gish in Liberal Studies are training the volunteers and directing the university's America Reads project.

This fall Ceaser is overseeing the training of 18 tutors, who will be working with nine classes of third graders at Vineyard Elementary School. The actual training is being conducted by Cal Poly graduate students in the reading specialist credential program.

The volunteers, mainly parents of school children, will receive five hours of specialized training and then spend 20 hours in the classroom reading aloud, telling stories, and monitoring practice activities.

America Reads @ Cal Poly is a collaboration of the Liberal Studies Program in the College of Liberal Arts, the UCTE, Student Community Services, and Financial Aid.

Report deadline now Thursdays

You're holding the last Friday issue of the *Cal Poly Report*. Treasure it.

Next week the *Report* should arrive on Wednesday.

The deadline to submit articles for the *Report* is now Thursday at 10 am for the following Wednesday's edition.

You can e-mail copy (it's the preferred way) to polynews@polymail, fax it to 6-6533, or mail it to the Communications Office, Heron Hall.

Questions? Call ext. 6-1511.

Media, video, photography offered by 'son of VEP'

Through a new, off-campus outgrowth of the Visual Education Production Department, the Foundation is offering video, photo, Web, multimedia and other design services to campus units at reduced rates.

PowerHouse Media moved into a new building at 355 Pacific St. in San Luis Obispo in September and is offering a full range of media production and marketing services to both the university and the outside business community.

PowerHouse employs both continuing VEP staff members and new employees hired specifically for the new venture. All are Foundation employees. Five Cal Poly students also work there. Rick Smith directs both PowerHouse Media and VEP, which continues its long-standing operations at the new location.

"PowerHouse Media was a well-thought-out business venture," said Foundation Executive Director Al Amaral. "People on campus needed this type of service and there was no place for this service to expand on campus. PowerHouse gives us the opportunity to create new and exciting instructional and communication tools for campus and outside clients."

Smith said the new shop will be concentrating on electronic media and larger projects such as catalogs that often are not available through local agencies. PowerHouse can produce a short, professional-quality video in a day, for example. He said PowerHouse is not intended to compete with commercial graphic designers for smaller projects such as brochures.

Campus units can pay through charge-backs. For cost and other information, check out the Web site at www.powerhousemedia.com or call 547-8630. The new number for VEP is 547-8631.

Get a boost at the health, wellness fair

Want a shot in the arm?

You can get three at the next health and wellness fair: a flu shot for \$9, a pneumonia shot for \$22.50, and a tetanus booster shot for free.

The health and wellness fair – with a

focus on immunizations and health education – is planned from 11 am to 1 pm Wednesday, Oct. 29, in UU 220.

Door prizes will be awarded, and handouts and resources will be available from the AIDS Support Network, American Heart Association, Cal Poly Rec Sports, American Red Cross, Cal Poly Health Center, and El Corral bookstore.

Watch your mailbox for a flier with more details.

The program is sponsored by the Employee Assistance Program in collaboration with the Foundation and Rec Sports.

Winter fee waiver forms available

Winter quarter 1998 fee waiver forms are available in Human Resources. SSF forms are now available and fees are due. CAPTURE registration for staff members began Thursday, Oct. 23. Important deadlines:

- Nov. 21 – Last day to pay fees to avoid \$25 late fee.

- Jan. 20 – Last day to submit fee waiver forms to Human Resources.

Fee waiver participants can register in accordance with the "Priority and Graduate Students" category of the CAPTURE registration system. Fee waiver forms have been mailed to employees who participated in the program fall quarter.

Employees not currently enrolled should contact Joan Lund in Human Resources at ext. 6-6563.

...blues greats to play

The musicians, all of whom also sing, are Ann Rabson, who plays piano and guitar, Gaye Adegbalola on guitar and harmonica, and Andra Faye McIntosh on bass, guitar, mandolin and fiddle.

Tickets cost \$10 to \$24.

Utilidor update: last 'lid' laid

The last "lid" of the utilidor project has been poured. Curbs and gutters, as well as the finishing touches on paving, are almost complete. Electrical outages are being scheduled. Steam and hot-water systems are being converted. The new reservoir should be done the first of November. Domestic water tie-ins will be starting soon.

The light at the end of the tunnel is a faint flicker ...

For more information, call Deby Ryan at ext. 6-6806.

Position vacancies

Vacancy information and applications for the following positions are available from the appropriate Human Resources office. Vacancy information can also be accessed from the Cal Poly home page on the World Wide Web (address: www.calpoly.edu; click on "General Information"). AA/EEO

STATE (Adm. 110, ext. 6-2236 or job line at ext. 6-1533). Official application forms must be received by 4 pm on the closing date or be postmarked by the closing date. (No faxes.)

CLOSING DATE: November 7

#89054: Analyst/Programmer (Career Level), Enrollment Support Services/Academic Records (Unit 9)*, \$3363-\$4592/mo.

**NOTE: For positions marked with an asterisk, qualified on-campus applicants currently in Bargaining Units 2, 5, 7, and 9 will be given first consideration.*

FOUNDATION (Foundation Adm. Building, job line at ext. 6-7107). All foundation applications must be received (not just postmarked) by 5 pm of the closing date. (No faxes)

CLOSING DATE: November 11
Distribution Supervisor, El Corral Bookstore, \$2606-\$3388/mo.

Clothing and Gift Buyer, El Corral Bookstore, \$2606-\$3388/mo.

CLOSING DATE: October 31
Post-Doctoral Research Assistant, Civil and Environmental Engineering, \$2039-\$2652/mo.

Catering Service Supervisor, Campus Dining, \$10.42-\$13.53/hr.

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